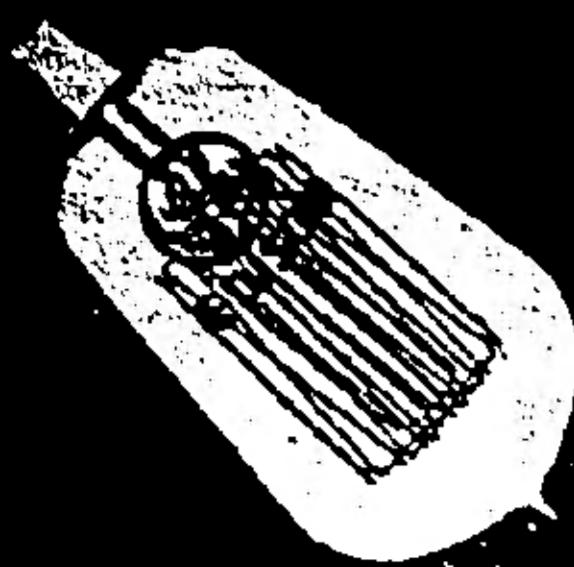


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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

AUSTRIA'S SORRY PLIGHT.

CHANCELLOR'S DARK PICTURE.

Paris, December 11.
The Austrian Chancellor, Count Renner, has arrived. Interviewed by Reuter he said that the object of his visit was to present to the Supreme Council Austria's desperate condition. He depicted the conditions as being dark, and emphasised the absolute necessity of a month's supply of grain by the beginning of January. Only six days' stock of flour was at present available. Vienna was in even worse straits, being wholly dependent on imported foodstuffs. He emphasised the impossibility of buying grain from abroad, owing to the unprecedentedly low value of Austrian money. Count Renner believed that it was essential for Austria to be granted long term credits until next October, in order to secure £25,000,000 worth of food, and also further credits for raw materials and the modification of the Saint Germain Treaty in order that mortgaged property could otherwise be hypothecated.

RUSSIAN POLICY AND AMERICA.

PERTINENT FRENCH QUERY.

Paris, December 14.
The Times, discussing the Anglo-French Conference at Downing-Street asks:—What positive policy European Allies can have in Russia if the Americans are left out? The fate of Russia influences directly that of China, in which America has great legitimate interests.

BOLSHEVISM CONDEMNED.

ATTITUDE OF AMERICAN UNIONS.

Washington, December 14.
119 National and International Unions have passed a resolution denouncing the attempt to inject a spirit of Bolshevism into the affairs of the American Labour Federation, describing the principles of Bolshevism as destructive of American ideals. It also urged a continuance of the government control of railways and urged the Senate to ratify the Peace Treaty and the League of Nations Covenant.

LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

POLICE DISSATISFACTION IN SHANGAI.

FOREIGN CONSTABLE CHARGED.

Shanghai, December 17.
Constable Cartwright was charged at the British Police Court for non-appearance on duty, intoxication, insubordination and disobedience. He pleaded guilty to the charge of intoxication.

Defendant testified that the recruits believed that the Council were not giving them a square deal. He asserted that complaints by recruits were general.

The case is not concluded.

SHANGHAI ORPHANAGE FIRE.

COLLECTION OF CURIOS SAVED.

Shanghai, December 17.
The damage suffered in the Siccawoo Orphanage fire did not reach a million dollars, because the collection of curios thought to have been destroyed was found undamaged in the ruins. A loss totalling \$750,000 is the conservative estimate given by the Jesuits.

The fire was caused by a watchman placing a lamp under his bed and this set fire to the mosquito net. The Jesuits will rebuild.

SHANGHAI ACCEPTS AMERICAN GUNS.

Shanghai, December 17.
The Municipal Council has accepted two Gatling guns from the American Department. American volunteers will man these guns.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

ENGLAND TO AUSTRALIA FLIGHT.

SINGAPORE, DECEMBER 17.

Captain Howell, a competitor in the England to Australia flight, who was due in Singapore on the 24th inst., is reported to have been killed. His aeroplane was wrecked off St. George's Bay, says a message received from Port Said, and there is no hope of survivors.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

ANOTHER STUDENT STRIKE.

PEKING, DECEMBER 17.

All the teachers in the Government Colleges and Schools, owing to the Government refusing their request that their pay should include more silver coins, have gone on strike. They have called on the Premier, but were refused an interview.

THE FOOCHOW AFFAIR.

SINGAPORE, DECEMBER 17.

A big meeting was held in the Foochow Club on the 15th, when the following resolutions were passed:—That the Tuchan be allowed to remain and that a request be made to the Government to select a suitable man for the Civil Governor's post in that province.

SHANGHAI, DECEMBER 17.

After investigation by the Japanese Commissioner it has been arranged that the Foochow incident will be settled locally.

EX-PRESIDENT ILL.

SHANGHAI, DECEMBER 17.

Wang Kuo-chong, the ex-President, is seriously ill.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

A LIGHT CALENDAR.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Supreme Court this morning, the December Criminal Sessions were opened. There was a very light calendar, there being only three cases on the list. The only serious case is one in which two men stand charged with murder, and this will be taken by the Chief Justice on Monday. This morning's cases were as follows:

REFURNING FROM BANISHMENT.

In Yau was charged with the disobedience of an order of deportation. The order was made in May of this year and on November 22 the man was again arrested in Hongkong on a charge of theft, for which he was subsequently sentenced to four weeks' hard labour.

The prisoner pleaded guilty, but stated that he could not get food in the country and that he had to come back. He was really a native of Swatow, but he was not sent there.

His Lordship stated that apparently the man had been sent to a different part of China to that where he really belonged. It might be quite true that he could not get a living in the district of Canton. He pleaded that he was on his way back to his native place and that in passing through Hongkong he had to steal.

Mr. G. H. Wakeman (the Crown Solicitor) said that it was the invariable practice of the Police to send deported men to where they stated they wanted to go. That was no doubt done in this case. From the man's record it appeared that he had been sent away no fewer than eight times and had always returned. In six out of the eight times he had been sent to Canton, evidently at his own request.

Asked why he did not request to be sent to Swatow, the prisoner maintained that he did ask to be sent there, but he had always been sent to Canton which was a strange place to him.

Having been informed of the prisoner's sentence for larceny, His Lordship said that he would have to sentence him to five years' imprisonment. If he wished he could represent his case to the Governor and he might be sent away again before the expiration of that term. His Lordship also asked Mr. Wakeman to make a note of the fact that the man wished to go to Swatow on being given his freedom.

AN OLD MAN'S OFFENCE.

Lau Fat, aged 53, the owner of a quarry at Lyemun, was charged with offering a bribe on October 23, consisting of two bottles of whisky, a box of cigars and \$40 in money, to Inspector Earner.

Mr. F. C. Jenkins, (instructed by Mr. Wakeman, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master), represented the facts, as stated by Mr.

Wakeman, showed that Inspector Earner visited the quarry during October, in his capacity of Inspector of Dangerous Goods.

Quarry workers were licensed to have a certain quantity of dynamite, but from what Inspector Earner saw—there was hardly any work being done there—he informed the prisoner that he would have to report unfavourably as regards a renewal of the licence.

On October 23, the prisoner went to Inspector Earner's quarters and there gave the Inspector's children \$40, in addition to leaving the bottles of whisky and the box of cigars. When the Inspector returned home and discovered what had happened he reported the matter to the C.D.I. and the prisoner was subsequently arrested. The charge was a serious one.

In a very able speech asking for a light sentence, Mr. Jenkins pointed out the fact that the prisoner was 53 years of age,

was married and was the father of an enviable number of children.

For over 30 years he had been a licensee of Government quarries.

He (Mr. Jenkins) went on the contrast this case with a worse possible case in which the maximum penalty (two years' imprisonment or a fine of \$500) was justified, respectively submitting that the facts only warranted the imposition of a fine. He gave the prisoner

DEFENCE CORPS.

THE FINAL PARADE.

The final full parade of the Hongkong Defence Corps, held on the Cricket Ground last evening, was an undoubted success in all but one particular. And that, so far as the parade itself was concerned, was not of immediate effect. A very large crowd of spectators had assembled by the time the Corps had fallen in, including many of the Colony's principal residents and a large number of returned war service men.

Having assembled on the road outside, the Corps, which was under the Command of Major G. H. Wakeman, marched on the Cricket Ground, and massed in Battalion formation. H. E. the General Officer Commanding, who was attended by Major Leslie Smith, Major Kirkpatrick and Capt. Wilcox awaited his Excellency the Governor, who later arrived in his full dress as Commander-in-Chief, accompanied by Capt. H. S. McGrath, A. D. C.

As His Excellency approached the Corps, the general salute was given, and the band of the Wiltshire Regiment struck up the National Anthem.

Together with Major Wakeman, Capt. Stewart, adjutant, and those mentioned above, His Excellency then inspected the Corps, following which the Battalion was turned facing left, and in this position they were addressed by His Excellency.

It was not possible for reporters present to report the speech delivered, but they later learned that His Excellency thanked all the members of the Corps for their services, both on behalf of the Colony and of the Empire. He said that it was only because of the Empire's danger that they were placed upon a compulsory basis for so long a period. It was, however, necessary that, in the interest of this Colony, there should be a volunteer corps, and he hoped that they would all join the new corps to be formed.

Whether it should be termed a Defence Corps or a Volunteer Corps rested with them. If they would let their Commandant know, he would abide by their wishes.

The services which they had rendered so willingly and so capably for the past five years were appreciated, he said, by the Empire as well as by the Colony.

Taking up his position at the saluting base, at which there was displayed the Volunteer Corps flag, His Excellency took the salute as the various Companies of the Corps marched by in column of fours. Music was supplied by the Wiltshire's band. The Corps marched out of the Cricket Ground, and on the road outside were given the dismissals. There were about 490 on parade including the Cadets who numbered about 60.

There is considerable disappointment expressed at the fact that a full report of His Excellency's speech was not possible.

statement of what actually occurred, and in pointing out that punishment for a crime was primarily intended to be a deterrent, said that what the man had already suffered would undoubtedly prove to be a lasting deterrent to him. He pleaded for the infliction of a fine.

His Lordship said that he would have to take a serious view of the case. Such offences were only brought to light by an unsuccessful attempt at bribery, for when bribes were accepted no-one knew anything about them.

The civil safety of the Colony depended upon the integrity of the Police. The bribe offered was a substantial one and Inspector Earner held a responsible position.

The only matter he could take into consideration at all was the prisoner's age. The object of punishment was not only to deter the person concerned from committing future crimes but also to deter all others from following his example.

He could not do less than sentence him to six months, and he thought the prisoner was very lucky to get off with that.

ANOTHER ROBBERY.

DES VOEUX ROAD INCIDENT.

Des Voeux Road West was again the scene of another daring robbery last night. Six men, two armed with revolvers and the others with knives, at 7.30 p.m. entered the second floor of No. 238, which was occupied by a shark-fin seller's shop. The master and eight fokis were quickly rendered powerless by being bound up with ropes. The safe was then opened by means of a key which they forced from the master, and money to the amount of \$618 was stolen. A quantity of clothing was also stolen before the robbers made their exit.

NEW ARRIVALS.

FOR HONGKONG NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT.

Reliefs for the Naval Establishment are now arriving in Hongkong. By the Teresus, a Blue Funnel boat, there came here on Tuesday Messrs. H. G. Lowe, J. B. Penman and A. E. Ashton.

Mr. H. G. Lowe will act as Naval Store Officer and Mr. J. B. Penman, Deputy Naval Store Officer, while Mr. Ashton becomes Civil Secretary and Cashier in place of Mr. Neighbour, who is going Home on the Kashgar.

Mr. Penman relieves Mr. Platt, who also leaves on the Kashgar. He has served in Hongkong previously.

Mr. Evans, the Armament Supply Officer, leaves on the Empress boat next week.

Engineer Commander Reed, on being relieved by Engineer Commander S. P. Ferguson, also leaves by the Kashgar.

All the men who are being relieved have been in Hongkong for over five years. Mr. Platt has been here for 9 years, Mr. Evans for six years, Mr. Neighbour for five years and Engineer Commander Reed for five years.

A few inspectors and clerks arrived this morning by the s.s. Nile, whilst a further batch is expected soon.

THE SHIPPING STRIKE.

MORE BOATS IDLE.

There is not a great deal further to record in regard to the local shipping strike. As time goes on and the boats affected that were away from Hongkong and Shanghai arrive at these two Ports, a greater number of ships are being placed idle, for the officers and engineers concerned are leaving the boats as they arrive at their home Ports.

In Hongkong, this morning, there were twelve river boats and three coast boats held up, and this number was expected to be increased during the day.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.
The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day, was 5s. 1/4d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—Fine. Barometer:—30.13. Temperature 2 p.m.:—68. Humidity 2 p.m.:—49.

FERRY SERVICES.

PROPOSED NEW TIME-TABLE.

Kowloon residents will be interested to hear that there are prospects of a further improvement in the Ferry service by another revision of the time-table.

Since Monday last, experiments have been made for the running of a five-minute service during certain hours, and these experiments will be continued for the remainder of the week. Then, provided they are found workable, they will come definitely into force on Monday next.

The contemplated arrangements are a five-minute service from Kowloon between the hours of 8.30 and 9.15 a.m., and from Hongkong between 12.40 and 1.10 p.m. It is also intended to effect a re-arrangement of the tiffin-hour time-table from Kowloon, the new times to be 1.45 p.m., 1.55 p.m., 2 p.m., 2.05 p.m. and 2.15 p.m.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.
Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.
Pansy Day.—Street sale of pansies in the morning; Masked Ball at Volunteer Headquarters at 9 p.m.

Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Cabaret at Volunteer Headquarters for War Devastated France Fund.—3 p.m. to midnight.



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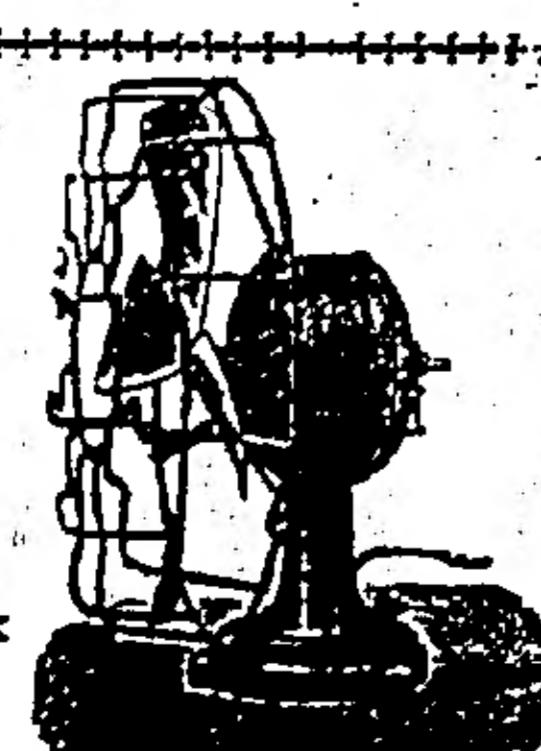
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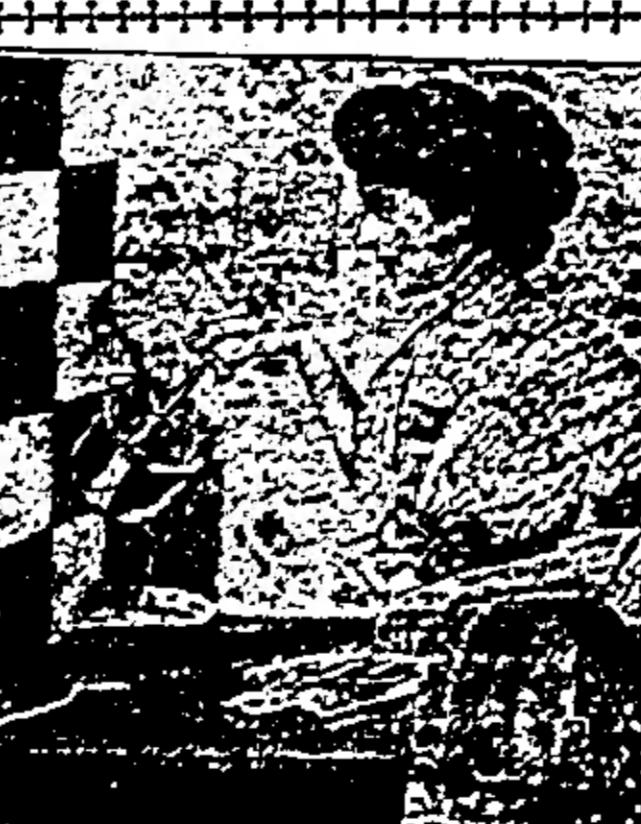
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All Western America has been stirred by a story so strange and so tragic that to parallel it one must search in the pages of sensational fiction.

After many years, writes the Daily Chronicle Vancouver correspondent death has revealed the remarkable secret of an aged English subject, who as a frail but persevering pedlar of razor and penknife sharpeners, trudged over the sunny highways of California, from town-to-town, between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The people in the quiet towns along the pedlar's pilgrimage would look for the annual coming of the "quaint old razor man," with the dapper little moustache and the gentle voice, who never betrayed the story behind the sad and kindly face.

The long pilgrimage has ended at last in a tragic manner in San Francisco, on the doorstep of the home of Edwin A. Turner, a toy-maker, and his wife, in Green Street.

At the end of the long, long trail that wound through towns and villages, the pedlar in a weakened condition arrived at the Turner home. H. W. Plummen a lodger at the house, who knew the razor vendor as John Young, said the Turners were away but would be home soon.

The little old pedlar turned, clutched at his heart, and sank down—his wanderings at an end, dead on the doorstep of the only friend in his lonely world.

At the coroner's inquest, where all mystery either begins or is solved, the truth came out—John B. Young was a woman. Her real name was Anna O'Connell.

Then her only friends, who had kept her secret for so many years, told the story of "John Young's" life.

THE SECRET REVEALED.

Seated on a wooden bench in his toyshop in Polson Street, Edwin Turner, the old English toy-maker who had befriended the poor wanderer, told this strange story:

"It is now more than 20 years ago since my wife made the acquaintance of a Canadian gentlewoman, named Mrs. Anna O'Connell. Mrs. O'Connell was living in the Montgomery Block with her only child, Marie, and my wife and she became close friends.

"Mrs. O'Connell was the widow of a Canadian Army officer, and was a native of Yorkshire.

"Then came the fire, and earthquake of 1906, and Mrs. O'Connell and her daughter dropped out of sight.

"For many years we heard nothing of them, and then we went on a visit to the island of Guernsey, in the English Channel, where I was born. About five years ago we returned to San Francisco.

"On a certain evening my wife was alone at home, when there was a knock on the door. Opening it, she saw a little old man wearing a small moustache. He said to my wife, 'I am the brother of your old friend, Mrs. Anna O'Connell. Don't I resemble him?'

"My wife said, 'Yes, the likeness is striking. Come in.'

"They sat down and had a cup of tea and talked.

I AM MRS. O'CONNELL.

"Suddenly the old man got up, came to my wife, put his arms around her, and said: 'Look well at me—I am Mrs. O'Connell.'

"My wife was too surprised for words, and then the old pedlar explained that she had adopted man's clothes as the only way to make a living. She told of how her daughter Marie had died, and of how she was alone in the world. I came home later, and both my wife and I promised Mrs. O'Connell that we would keep her secret.

"Since that day she has visited us once a year.

"We were her only friends, and she wished to live in San Francisco, but found that the climate in the south suited her delicate health better, and therefore lived in Pasadena.

"She told us how she sold razor and knife blade sharpeners, walking from one place to another and getting 'lives' from passing motor-cars. And now she is dead, and her secret is out."

"She died on our doorstep, and we will see to it that she is decently buried. We intend to be her friends to the last."

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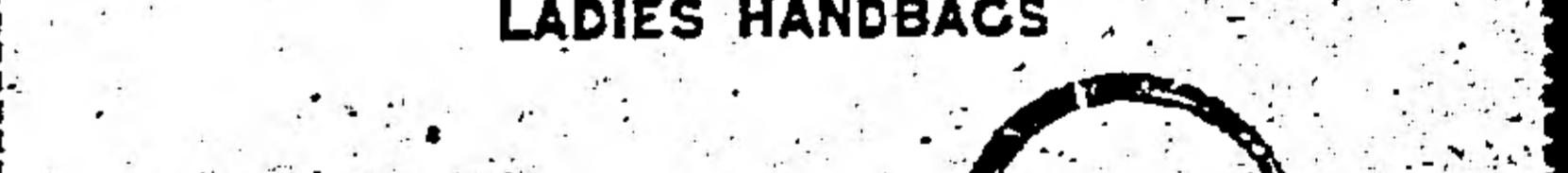
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CRIME IN THE COLONY.

To the ordinary layman it would seem almost an impossible task for the Police to succeed in the capture of Chinese criminals of the dare-devil type of those who broke loose from gaol early on Monday morning and, in order to escape, did not hesitate to murder two warders. In a Colony like this, with its teeming thousands of natives, we can imagine escaped convicts, once having got rid of their prison garb, becoming absorbed into the common masses, hiding somewhere in secret until such time as they thought it safe to emerge and then eventually getting clear of the Colony. Or, with the ready facilities available, they might succeed in getting, say, to Canton before the Police had time to circulate the news of their escape or any descriptions of the men. And once in Canton, with its millions of inhabitants, to discover them would be a task just as difficult as searching for the proverbial needle in the stack of hay. These are only some of the difficulties which the Police are up against in cases of this kind. They by no manner of means exhaust the list of obstacles which have to be confronted and which make the work of the guardians of law here far more difficult, in many respects, than that of the Police at Home. But even those mentioned are sufficient to cause us to think all the more highly of our Police when they succeed in capturing criminals of this kind. So we say "Well done!" to the Police for their smartness in already having secured one of the gang which got away from Victoria Gaol in the early hours of Monday morning. This shows that the Force here is wideawake and efficient, despite what its detractors may say.

Just at present—maybe it is partly due to the near approach of China New Year—the Colony is suffering from a regular wave of criminality. Scarcely a day passes that some case of robbery with violence is not reported. One of the worst features of these occurrences, is the growing use of firearms by Chinese desperados. This is a development of recent years, and that it immensely increases the risks which our Police officers run goes without saying. Happily, it is not often that criminals break goal here. But criminals are all the time busy outside the prison, none the less, and it is the tracking down of these and the prevention of their lawless acts which comprise such a large part of the duty of our Police. Armchair critics there are in our midst in abundance; people who are always ready with the cry "Where are the Police?" whenever anything serious happens. These are they who do not stop to think, who do not exercise their common-sense by contemplating the tremendous difficulties surrounding the task of crime-prevention and detection in this Colony. Had Hongkong a stationary population, that task would be infinitely easier. As it is, we have an ever-tightening mass of people, always coming and going, who are in easy touch with Canton and other populous coast ports. And the worst of it all is that those who come include a very big sprinkling of deep-dyed criminals who visit Hongkong for the express purpose of robbery and who do not hesitate to use any means to attain their ends. This has always been the Colony's biggest problem from the Police standpoint. We get here the scum of Canton, and those included in that term can come and go without let or hindrance. Europeans during the War had to arm themselves with passports and permits before they were allowed either to enter or leave the Colony. Even now, passports are necessary in certain cases. Yet Chinese criminals and desperados of the blackest type can come and go just when and how they please.

It would admittedly be a hard task to keep a check on all Chinese coming into the Colony. It is possible, none the less, just as it is possible, with reasonable limits, to keep out smuggled opium, tobacco, wines, etc. If a poll-tax system were introduced here, the Police would be materially aided in their work and no doubt many criminals would be shut out. We know the old cry of "circumstances justify special measures." The liberties of us all are restricted in certain regards; that is necessary for the common weal. So if a poll-tax would result in keeping desperate characters from coming into the Colony, there is no reason why it would not be instituted for the sake of the safety of the community as a whole. Individual liberties have to be curtailed if benefit to the public accrues. Whether that is the best solution of the matter we should not like to say. One thing is certain, namely that new measures will have to be devised for keeping down criminality. The Police are not blame, for there is a limit to human efficiency after all.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

LAST NIGHT'S PARADE.

It was only in the nature of things that there should be a large attendance on the Cricket Ground last evening to see the final full parade of the Defence Corps, when His Excellency the Governor took opportunity to thank all the members for their services. The war record of the force, first as a Volunteer organisation and later as a compulsorily augmented body, is by no means so invaluable as some cynically-minded persons are inclined to think. True it is, that the members of the force were never called upon to face the rigours and hardships of actual combatant service, but in the performance of the Colony's wartime duties they cheerfully contributed an assistance that often entailed considerable personal sacrifice. In addition to civilian tasks they discharged duties that were essential in character and which, but for their aid, would have had to be carried out by men of regular units. With the conclusion of the war and with the automatic passing away of its emergency necessities, it is only right that this large body of men should be freed from the compulsory status that was rendered expedient—though a period longer, perhaps, than was necessary—baselapsing between the cessation of hostilities and the removal of the compulsory law. The Colony is now waiting to see the Ordinance passed that will give effect to the promises of a reversion. The men themselves, it would seem, are to be given the choice of a name for the future Corps, and we fancy that the old title of Volunteers will find general support. Bound up with the word are a great many past associations, in addition to which its significance should rightly apply to a volunteer body. His Excellency's appeal to the men to continue in the Force, will, we are sure, meet with a large response, for there are very many compensating pleasures to be derived from voluntary service in an auxiliary force of this nature.

AN UNREPORTED SPEECH.

Speaking of yesterday's parade itself, it was indeed unfortunate that better opportunity was not given for the Colony as a whole to benefit by the remarks of His Excellency, because, after all, it was said and done, the whole of the Colony was interested. Press representatives were present but were not given one single facility to report the fairly lengthy speech that was delivered. Seeing that not more than one-third of the men being addressed could hear what was being said the point has extra weight added to it. The reporters present were very naturally expecting a more formal formation of the Corps, such as a hollow square by the saluting base, but it came as a surprise to find that His Excellency was addressing the men immediately after the inspection in Battalion formation. To have crossed the Cricket Ground at that stage would have been worse than useless, and there was a very natural expectancy that there would subsequently have been available notes of the speech. But nothing more than a very abridged memorised summary was obtainable. Apart altogether from our own side of the question, we feel that we are only voicing a general disappointment that a more adequate report was not possible. The occasion was unique and it marked the end of an important period. It is, fortunately, not often that matters so turn out, but we might very legitimately express the hope that at similar future public functions more adequate arrangements might be made for the convenience of the Colony's Press.

NOT FAIR WEAR AND TEAR.

We have noted with satisfaction that the Hongkong Tramway Company has lately been busy, relaying the metals from Garden Road to Ice House Street. Just at present traffic is considerably inconvenienced by the state of the road, but when all has been put straight the improvement will be appreciated by users of this important highway. The metals, especially on the corner by the City Hall, had sunk below the level of the road and constituted a danger to riders in rickshaws and cyclists. One is forced to sympathise with the Tramway Company, who are, by Ordinance, liable for the proper upkeep of the roadway between the metals and for eighteen inches on either side. It is this part of the road that is subjected to the heaviest wear, and matters are greatly aggravated by the fact that pullers of heavy trucks find the metals a fine easy place on

DAY BY DAY.

I BELIEVE THAT THE MAN WHO WILL COME OUT ON STRIKE FOR FUN WILL GO TO HELL FOR PLEASURE—Mr. Jack Jones M.P.

H. M. S. Kent is now moored off Kowloon.

Yesterday's health return shows two cases of diphtheria, both Chinese. One was fatal.

The Osaka Shosha Kaisha has issued two very striking wall calendars of effective design in beautiful colours.

The Portuguese vessel Nam Wan (Capt. C. Costa) which arrived here yesterday from Hoichow towed the motor vessel Kwong Lee Loy from Hoichow into this port.

For the convenience of Christmas shoppers, Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.'s establishment will remain open until 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 20th instant.

The harbour presented a very busy appearance this morning. In addition to five steamers at the Kowloon wharves, there were in port many big boats, including the Tenyo Maru, the Nile, two P. and O. vessels, the Mishima Maru, two Blue Funnel boats and a J. C. J. L. steamer.

Owing to the remittance to France of the money subscribed for the premium bonds issued by the French Government for restoring the devastated regions of France, the Exchange market was weak, the rate on France dropping from 1.100, yesterday's quotation, to 1.000. The exact amount of the remittance is not known, but it must have been heavily.

A Trade Enquiry List issued by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, shows that American concerns are seeking Hongkong connections in peanut sellers and graders; sausages; peanuts; old Manila cordage; plumbers' supplies; hardware; stoves and ranges and similar goods; dyes; household and office furniture and millinery goods; Victory tractors; medicinal chemicals and pharmaceutical preparations; gas producers; high speed and carbon tool steel.

Two thieves yesterday got busy among some bags of Chinese medicine which were awaiting transportation to the junks on the "Prava Wall" at Connaught Road West. One of them held a bag for the convenience of his fellow who was helping himself to the contents. Whilst they were thus busily occupied, no attention was paid to a boatman who seeing what they were up to, raised the alarm. One of the thieves was caught and to-day given six weeks at the Magistracy.

With the advent of the cold weather the management of the Victoria Theatre have reverted to matinees every afternoon. There will be a matinee show every afternoon commencing to-day. These are certain to be appreciated by all, as it has been a great drawback that matinees at the Victoria used previously to be held on particular days in the week. There are some important improvements on the "tapis" at the Victoria Theatre and these will be announced within the course of the next few days. The matinee programmes will be the same as the 7.30 shows.

When charged with being in possession of two Chinese swords and one fighting iron, a Chinese passenger by the s.s. Hinsang said these instruments were used by him in his capacity of a juggler. His performances extended from British North Borneo to Singapore and he was at present on his travels back to the land of his ancestors. We missed the pleasure of witnessing a juggling performance when Mr. J. R. Wood referred the case to the Captain Superintendent of Police in connection with the disposal of the weapons. The juggler will be again brought before His Worship to-morrow after his case has received the attention of Mr. Wolfe.

which to get the wheels. Despite the fact that the wheels on trucks are not now supposed to be of the same width as the metals, they still often are, for it was only the other day that we saw a truck sailing along in fine style on the Praya. It is doubtless a difficult task to stop this practice because it is so widespread, but it is also an imposition on a public utility company that it should not be called upon to bear.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

(BY "ENHARMONIC")

I had quite an interesting chat with M. Sklarevsky, the well-known cellist during his very short stay in the Colony last week. He had just arrived from Java and Sumatra on the completion of a very successful tour of those islands. He told me that he had visited no fewer than 48 different places and had played at 99 concerts. That certainly is a very big programme for one tour. With justifiable pride he added that he had played 150 compositions by 56 composers. These figures may seem something like a "boost," but they are a record of which any man might be proud. M. Sklarevsky was genuinely sorry that he had no time to give a concert in Hongkong, as he was catching a boat straight away for Manila. After a short stay there he will return to Hongkong on his way to America and he hopes to have time to give a public concert.

Like his friend, M. Sklarevsky, Sykora is going to America, where he hopes to enhance his already big reputation. On the way he will visit Shanghai and Japan and I can predict that he will have a hearty welcome from the musical people up north, to whom he is already well known. It may be that the Far East will not see these two players again for a long time, for success in America will mean a lengthy stay. One says good-bye to them with a considerable amount of regret, because it is rare indeed that we have any high-class instrumentalists passing through to give us a taste of what music should be like. And now the greater attraction of America is taking away two of the best we have known.

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I noticed in a recent Shanghai paper that a violin recital by Frank Smit, the well known Czech violinist, accompanied by his confere, Lada Kaigl, was to have been given in the French Municipal Hall. The paper states: In 1913 M. Frank Smit appeared before enthusiastic audiences in Paris, Vienna, Berlin, Prague, etc., but with the outbreak of war his musical career was temporarily suspended, and he found himself embarked upon that great adventure which led up to the Czechoslovak Army's fight through Siberia. Last winter M. M. Frank Smit and Lada Kaigl were delighting audiences of Allied soldiers with the concerts they most kindly gave in the Y.M.C.A. huts at Vladivostok. Now M. Smit has begun a world tour and is visiting Shanghai on his journey to the south. M. Smit's perfect technique and broad tone qualities won for him, at a recital given in Tokyo recently, the reputation of being the greatest violinist who had ever played in Japan.

The above states that these two artists are on their way south, and there is a very natural hope felt by all that they will favour Hongkong musical people with a chance of hearing them. I shall have to get busy enquiring whether there has been any request for arrangements to be made.

I have been reading one or two very interesting musical articles during the past week, and notice that recently a lecturer in America, discoursing on music, asked his audience, at the end of the lecture, who was the greatest composer. The answer was Beethoven. A leading American musical paper took up a discussion on the incident, and came to the conclusion that the answer was wrong. Ask any person the same question, and he would give you at once the name of the composer whose works he knew best. Some would say Mozart, some Bach, and some would be tempted to put Wagner into the place of honour.

Is not the real truth that the question is absurd and admits of no real answer? There is no real way of measuring the comparative values of a Baszumowski Quartet, the B Minor Bass, and Tristan and Isolde. The whole thing is on a par with the idiotic questions examiners used to ask as to "the most beautiful verse in Homer," "the finest passage in Cicero," "the greatest character in Shakespeare." I suppose art students have been asked what is the greatest painting or the most magnificent piece of sculpture in the world. And I wonder whether the right answer is possible to find in that case either.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The enquiry was resumed this morning with the evidence of a boy employed at the Lusitano Club, to which the prisoners were sent when he tried to intercept the prisoners on one of them. The enquiry was adjourned until to-day.

SWEET CHARITY.
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.

We understand from Mr. J. M. Alves, the President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, that His Lordship Bishop Pozzani has now received information that the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda has given the necessary authorisation for the Little Sisters of the Poor to establish themselves in Hongkong.

The great charitable institution known all over the world as the "Little Sisters of the Poor" has done immense good to the poor old people in every community which has had the happiness of having them.

These people unite the life of hospitality to the religious life. They form a congregation of nuns hospitaliers consecrated by vow to the care of the poor and infirm aged people. Such is their mission. It is a work consecrated to the aged.

The Little Sisters of the Poor devote themselves in the closest manner to the service of the aged and ailing poor. To this they apply their intelligence and their strength, their affection and their self-sacrifice. Their life has but one aim—the relief, spiritual and temporal, of their old people. As their name so well defines it, they are for life the "Little Sisters of the Poor."

Two conditions, two requirements are needed for reception into their homes—old age and poverty. With them "old age" begins at sixty; from this age upwards the needy are admitted.

The Sisters receive old people of either sex. In their homes the section for men and that for women have their separate sitting rooms, yards, infirmaries and dormitories.

In their homes no annuitants, no privileged old people are received but only the most desolate and the most infirm. All are without the necessary means of livelihood and have the same dietary, and all are adopted for sweet charity. The home is the common harbour whither after chequered passages, tend the lives of many. Each has its story, grave or gay, calm or tempestuous.

With the Little Sisters there are no servants, no paid employees and amongst themselves no distinction exists but all are equally the Little Sisters of the Poor, alike in title, alike in rights, alike in duties.

The rules of the congregation are sufficient for the maintenance of good order and regularity, kindness does the rest. It is the reign of charity, at once strong and motherly.

For sixty-six years this miracle of love has been renewed, this manna has fallen from heaven and now day by day about 45,000 human beings are being fed as the 25,000 old people who are now dead, were formerly nourished. In the United Kingdom they have about 35 Homes in England and Scotland.

The distinctive characteristics of the home of the Little Sisters of the Poor is the remarkable mixtures of creeds, occupations and nationalities of the various people who inhabit it. There, all languages are spoken, which become blended in the universal tongue, which is understood in every country, the language of charity.

An excellent plot of ground and substantial buildings have been secured on advantageous terms through the generosity of the Government while a sum of \$5,000 has been collected specially to meet the initial expenses of the undertaking. The worldwide work of the Little Sisters is well-known and universally appreciated; it is therefore a source of satisfaction to know that they will soon begin their work of charity here also, where they will find much scope for their activities.—Contributed.

THE CABARET.

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT: Among the items of entertainment offered at the Variety Entertainment in connection with the Cabaret on Saturday afternoon are songs by Mr. R. A. Green, who has already created a deep impression among music lovers in Hongkong. The talented Misses Young and Miss Winnie Lawson have also kindly consented to appear.

The Management is particularly fortunate in receiving the kind offer of the Misses Aileen and Doris Woods to lend their services at both performances. They have consented by special request to include the Duet from "Tales of Hoffmann" in their evening's repertoire and we can assure our readers that this alone is an item to have heard.

NOTICE.
THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918) LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 20th December, 1919, at 11.30 a.m. in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the 14 months ending 30th September, 1919, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday the 15th December 1919 until Saturday the 20th December 1919, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1919.

THE CORONET.

A METRO ATTRACTION:

The Coronet Theatre is now presenting a big Metro attraction—"The Voice of Conscience." Provided with a dual role, Francis X. Bushman, assisted by Beverly Bayne, appears in this fine film. The story concerns Houston, in prison, who persuades Potter, in an adjoining cell, to impersonate him, and upon release to visit his home in Virginia, for the sake of his mother, who is blind and feeble. Potter falls in love with Houston's sister, Allane, and finds that Johnson, a friend of the family, is in reality Stephen Liggett, who was responsible for his being unjustly sent to prison. Later, Johnson, after insulting Allane and being thrashed by Potter, publicly denounces him, and Mrs. Houston dies as a result of the excitement. Potter confesses the deception to Allane, who returns his love. Johnson, intending to kill Potter, by mistake shoots Houston, who has been released from prison. Potter is arrested and convicted on circumstantial evidence, when he is saved by the testimony of a half-witted negro. Johnson, shot while attempting to escape, confesses that Potter was railroaded to prison, and all ends happily.

The Pathé Frères who are kindly providing the cinema entertainment have an excellent picture well worth a visit.

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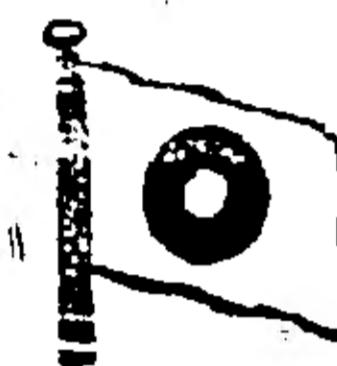
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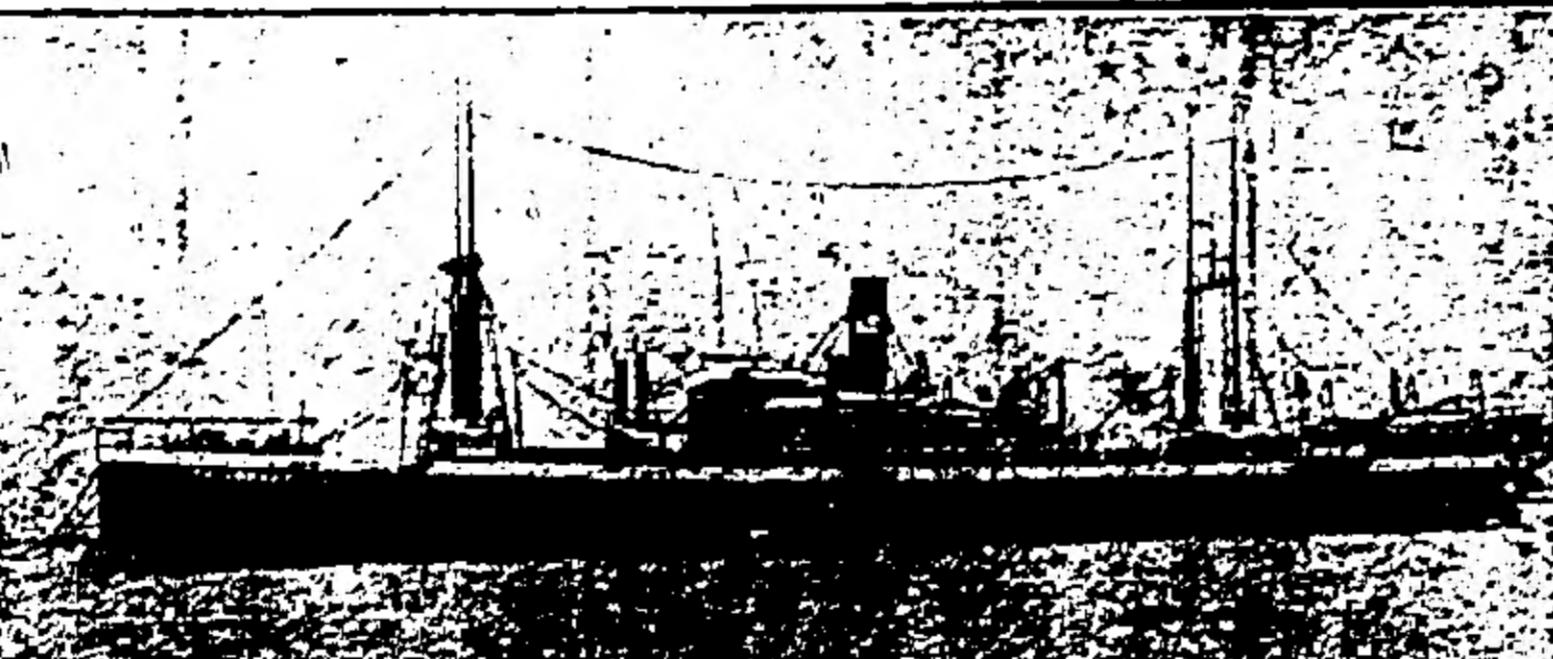
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FOR DEVASTATED FRANCE.
THE MASKED BALL.

We hear that tickets for the Masked Ball at the Volunteer Parade Ground on the 19th (in spite of the fact that they cost \$5 each) are going like the proverbial hot cakes, and that all the world and his wife will be there is certain. Several enthusiastic promoters of this worthy charitable enterprise are asking large parties of guests to dine and go on to the ball together, all dressed alike or in costumes mutually recognizable. As Mark Twain "strawberry mark on the left arm," will possibly not be on view as identification, it will be interesting to see what means will be taken to ensure a disguise which will be no disservice to one's particular cronies.

Dominos of any colour or material, but preferably of cotton, are to be worn, and donned, together with a mask, over one's ordinary evening clothes, in the dressing room on the evening of the ball at Volunteer Headquarters.

These dominos can be easily made at home, as they are shaped alike for both sexes, more or less like an evening cloak, or even a dressing gown, with a hood to cover the hair. The various posters about the town show several types of the kind of thing expected. They can be run up in an hour or two at home, or made by any Chinese tailor for very little—in fact, economy in this regard is asked for. Ah Men, in Queen's Road, has patterns of materials and cut, if intending participants fear to tackle the job unaided.

Prizes, consisting of (1) A silver liqueur set (given by Messrs. Ullman), (2) silver scent bottles (given by Messrs. Senner Freres,) and (3) a hammered silver bonbonniere (given by Wang Hing,) will be awarded for the three most original and prettiest dominos. The judging will be done by Lady Rees Davies and the Hon. Claude Severn, and the latter will present the prizes when the masks are removed at midnight.

HARBOUR OFFENCE
RULE OF THE ROAD
IGNORED.

In the Marine Court this morning before Captain Basil Taylour, R.N., Marine Magistrate, Inspector W.G. Gerrard prosecuted the master of the steam launch Taikoo Kwai for failing to observe the rule of the road as laid down by His Majesty's Orders-in-Council, in Victoria Harbour at 10.45 a.m. on the 13th instant.

Inspector Gerrard stated that on the 13th instant he was a passenger on a Yaumati ferry launch. About a thousand yards from the shore, while he was coming from Yaumati, his launch passed the stern of the Tenyo Maru. Defendant's launch was coming from that ship. When witness first saw her, she was nearly on his launch's port beam, steering about four points to starboard of the Yaumati-launch's course, about forty yards away. The coxswain was not paying attention to his steering. He was looking down below, talking to some one. The coxswain of the Yaumati launch blew a blast, but defendant took no notice. The launches were all the while getting closer. Witness and the passengers all shouted to defendant and he at last looked up and put his helm over, but it was too late. Defendant's launch's bows struck the aft port side of the other launch, inflicting very little damage.

The defendant stated that the two launches were abreast and the other launch tried to cross his bows.

Captain Taylour fined defendant \$20.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. NAVY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Navy in a League match on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground on Saturday, 20th December, play to commence at 2.15 p.m.—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), A. Burnie, D. E. Donnelly, T. J. Fenwick, J. D. Humphreys, P. Jacks, E. G. Lammett, A. K. MacKenzie, E. J. R. Mitchell, C. C. Stark and R. P. Thursfield.

I.R.C. v. R.G.A.

The following will represent the I.R.C. in their League fixture against the R.G.A. on the former's ground on Saturday at 2 p.m.—A. H. Rumjahn (Captain), G. C. Earle, A. el Arculli, S. A. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, N. M. Bur, E. A. Moosden, A. A. Rumjahn, D. Rumjahn, and S. M. Moosa.

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H.K. Fires s.	330

Shipping.	
Douglases n.	90
Steamboats n.	22
Indos (Pref.) n.	20
Indos (Def.) b. 240 s. 237 t. 240	
Shells n.	210
Ferries s.	31

Refineries.	
Sugars b.	210
Malabones n.	44

Mining.	
Kailans b.	90/-
Langkats }	b t. 14
Shanghai Loans b	t. 14
Shai Explorations	

Raubs s.	2
Trocks b.	42/6
Ural Caspians n.	46/-

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H.K. Wharves b.	90
K. Docks n.	175
Shai Docks n.	t. 120
N. Engineering n.	t. 27

Lands, Hotels & Buildings.	
Centrals n.	1034
H.K. Hotels s.	110
L. Invest s.	118
Hphrys' Est. s.	81/2
Kloon Lands b.	46
L. Reclamations s.	150
West Points b.	82

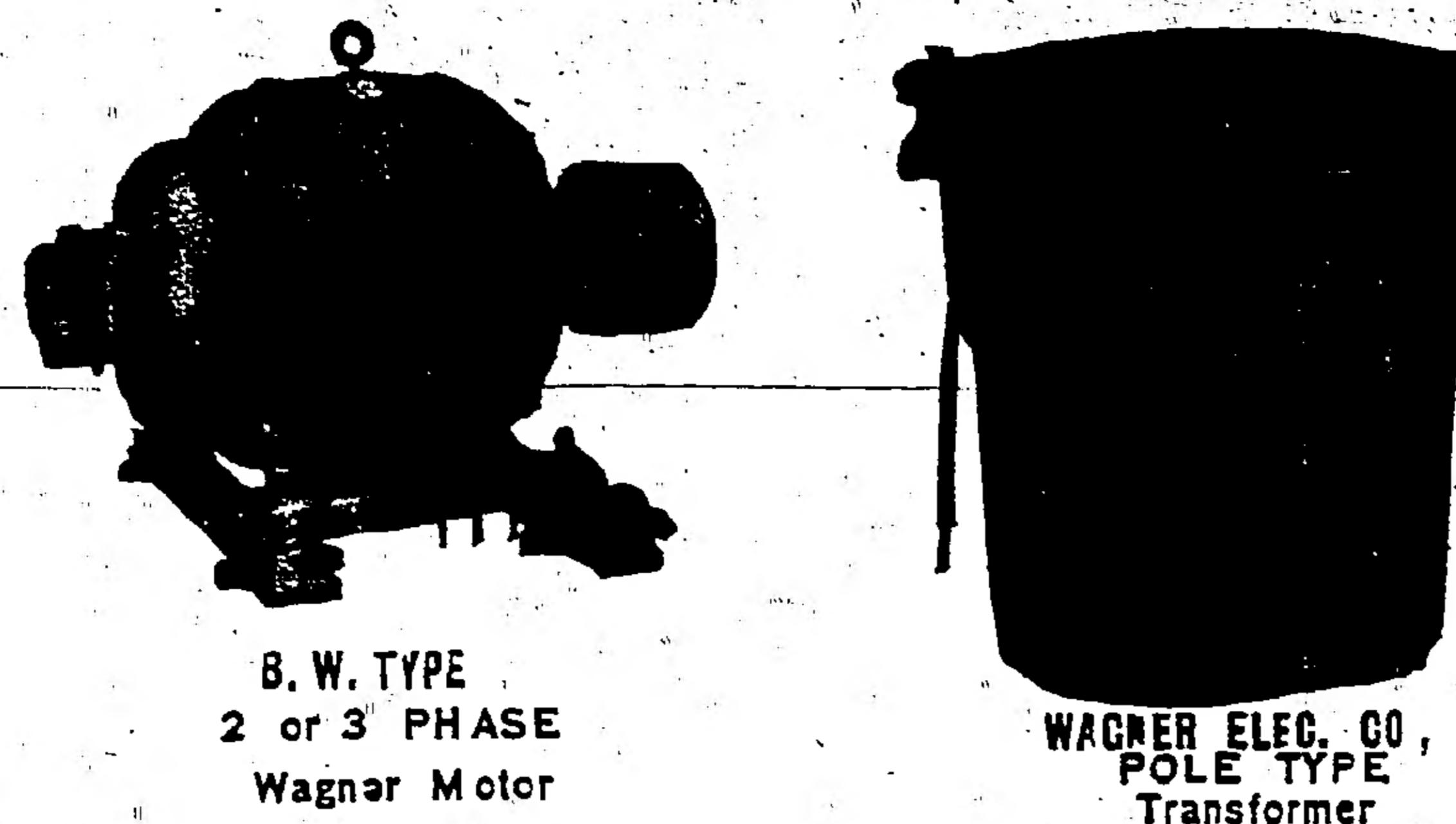
Cotton Mills.	
Ewos b.	t. 650
Kung Yiks n.	t. 50
Lau Kung Mows n.	t. 300
Orientals n.	t. 320
Shai Cottons n.	t. 280
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Miscellaneous.	
Cements b.	6.80
China Borneo s.	15
Do. Light b. old 71/2 s. new 51/4	
China Providents s.	8
Dairy Farms n.	23/2
Electric H. K. s.	83
Electric Macao n.	34
Hongkong Ropes s.	23
Hk. Tramways s.	7.70
Peak Trams, old s.	7
Do. new s.	80cts.
Steam Laundries b.	3/4
Steel Foundries n.	10
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Notice that I have expressly
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which my wife Gladys Arelene
Claye may have at any time,
either expressly or by implication
or otherwise, acquired to contract
for me or in my name or as my
agent or in any way to pledge my
credit—I having expressly for-
bidden her so to do and she being
sufficiently supplied with all
necessaries—and that I will not
be responsible for her debts when-
soever or howsoever incurred.

S. J. CLAYE.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1919.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

1919.

Dinner Dances will be held on
the following nights during
Christmas week:

Christmas Eve, Wednesday,

24th December,

Christmas Night, Thursday,

25th December,

Boxing Night, Friday,

26th December.

and

New Year's Eve, Wednesday,

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J. H. TAGGART,

Manager.

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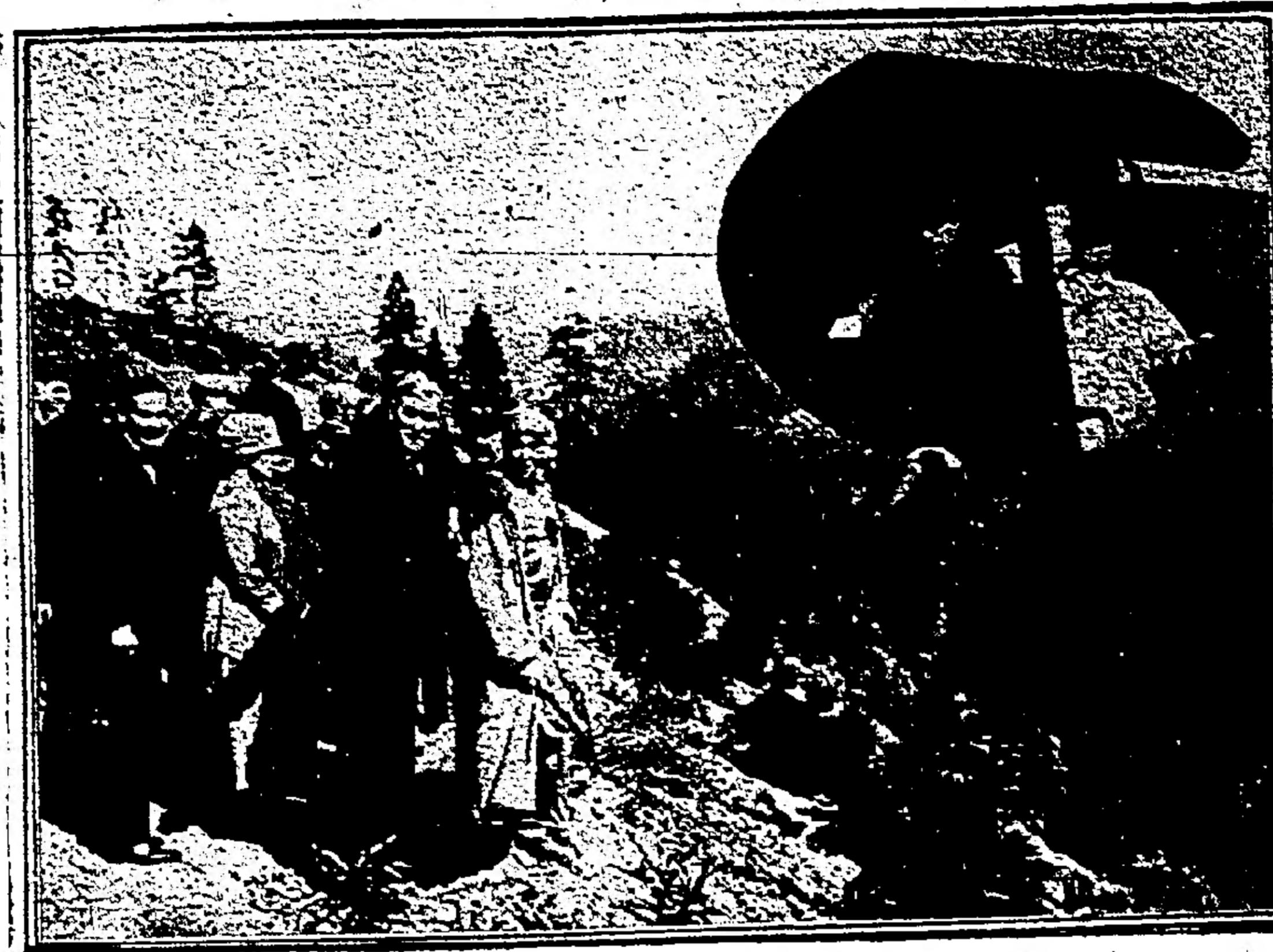
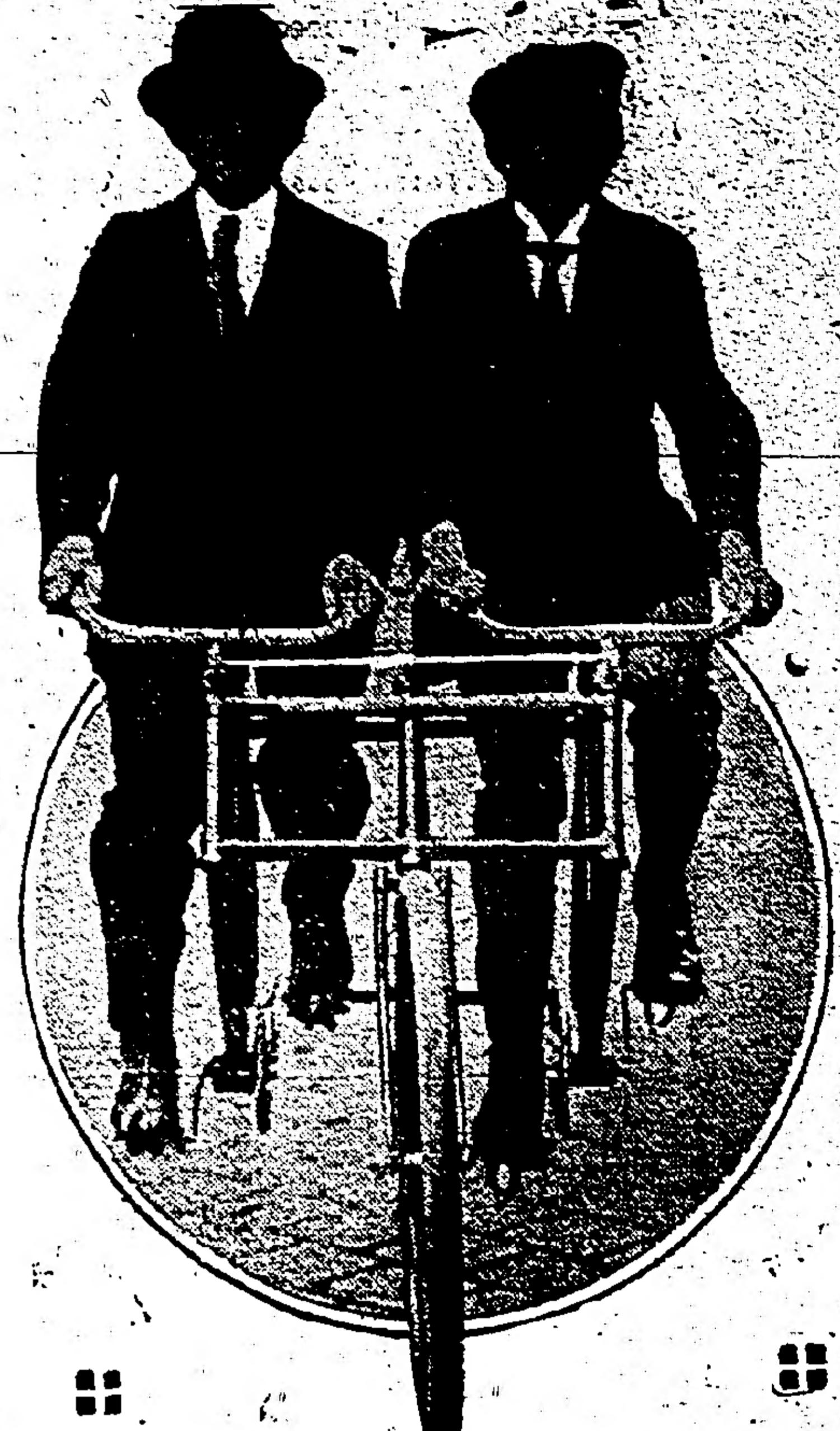


Photo shows Queen Elizabeth of Belgium with members of her party viewing the wonders of the American River from a point along the Blue Canon, California. Inset: King Albert, King of the Belgians, in the locomotive cab of his special train which he alternately stoked and drove over a stretch of Ohio country.



This new type of tandem cycle is the invention of a German. There is an adjustment for equalizing the weight of the cyclists.



Above is seen Colonel E. M. House, member of the American Peace Mission and intimate friend and adviser of President Wilson, arriving home in greatly weakened condition on account of recent illness, his physician assisting him down the steep gangway to the pier.



Russians fighting their way to receive food from British sailors at Archangel.



LADY CRANMORE-BROWNE
A recent photograph of Lady Cranmore-Browne, wife of Lord Geoffrey Cranmore, Representative Peer for Ireland. She visited America along with other British nobility with the Prince of Wales.

FUTURE OF EUROPE.

THE TREND OF WORLD INDUSTRY.

It is doubtful whether the full effects of the war on European commerce and industry and the immense changes in the world's trade which will result from it are yet in the least understood. Certain outstanding facts are plain enough—to all except the labour extremists. That all the larger European States and many of the smaller ones are in the desperate position of requiring to import large quantities of food-stuffs without being able to export anything like a corresponding value of their own products is a matter of common knowledge. It is also fairly evident that the high freight rates to distant parts of the world now prevailing, not only act as a handicap to all attempts to regain trade in those regions in competition with other manufacturing countries which are nearer at hand, but also tend towards the growth of manufacturing in countries which, but for the war, would not have been able to develop their own industries for many years to come. These difficulties in the way of restoring export trade are altogether apart from those due to decreased production and increased internal demand which are common to all the war-worn European States. Assuming that these internal difficulties can be overcome, as they must be unless all Europe is

to face a financial crisis which will menace civilization itself in this continent, the external obstacles will still remain. Can they be surmounted or must we look to a complete transformation of European trade and its diversion into entirely different channels to meet the changed conditions brought about by the war?

We are too closely involved in the grave events of our day to be able to see things in their true perspective. Still it is possible to detach oneself to some extent and to attempt to find some elevated point from which a survey of the forces at work can be made. From such an elevation, one outstanding feature comes into view. Just as

the war has led to a wholesale transfer of wealth from Europe to the New World, it seems also very probable that it has shifted the industrial centre of gravity of the earth. In fact the question at the back of some men's minds is whether or not the decline of the European Continent as the leading centre of activity of the White Race has definitely set in. If this be so, manufacturing will, as time goes on, be carried on more and more in the countries which possess the raw materials, the fuel and the labour in their own territories. A movement of population towards these countries would be the inevitable result.

It is possible that this decline is part of a world movement which cannot be indefinitely

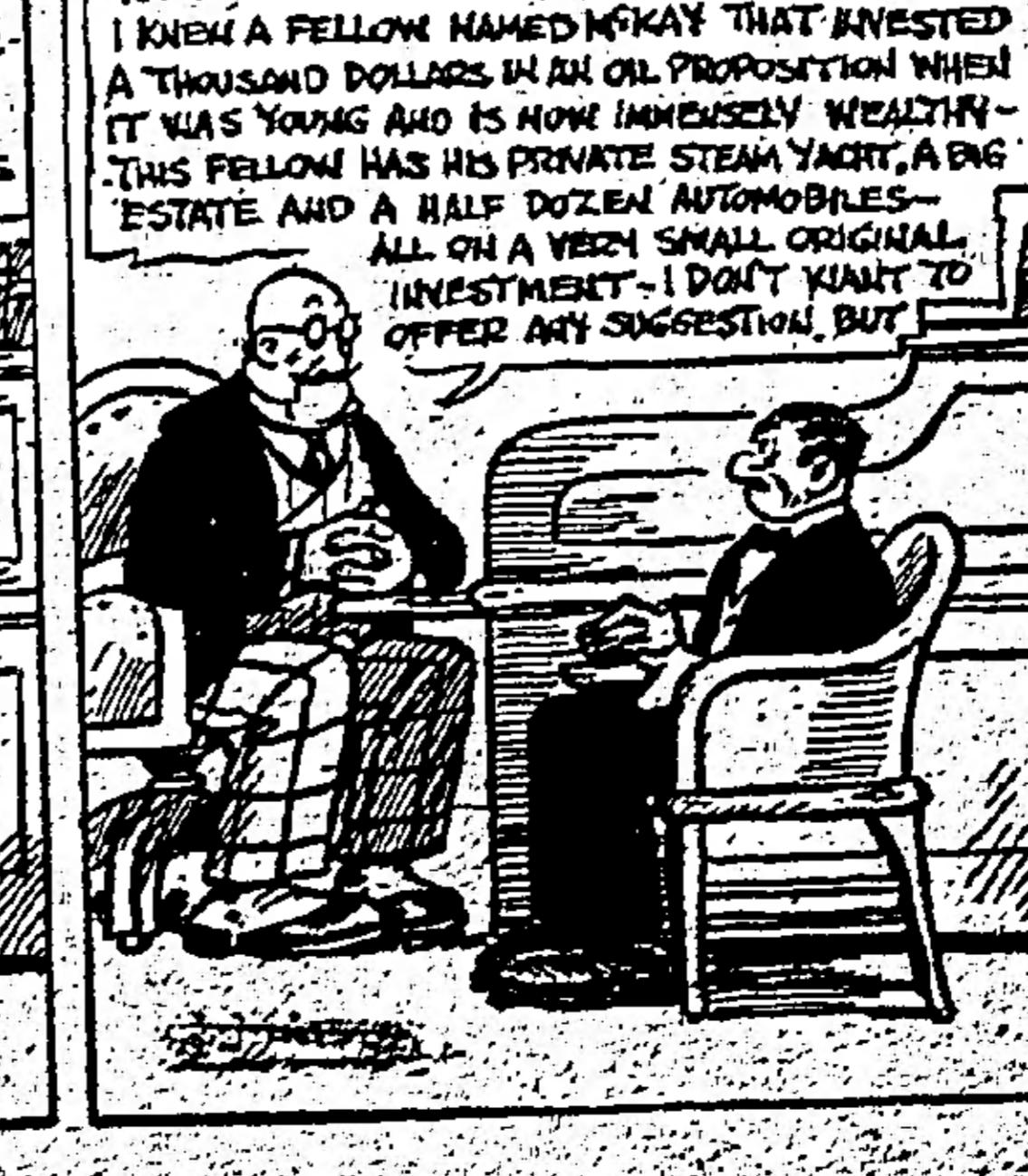
withstood. This may or may not be the case. Should it be so there is every reason why all possible efforts should be made to retard it and keep it within proportions which will prevent any catastrophic occurrences. Assuming that the tendency is really at work, the problem to be solved is how to keep the process under control.

On the first things that would appear to be necessary is the stimulation of food production in Europe to its maximum possible extent. This would have the effect of reducing imports from the New World and would do much to restore the normal rates of exchange between European States and those of the American Continents.

One of the first necessities of the case is, therefore, the restoration of settled conditions in Russia, so that the vast wheat-growing areas of that country may again be brought under cultivation. It is doubtful whether much will be gained by attempting to increase the wheat production of countries in which climatic and other conditions are unfavourable. But if wheat were available in Eastern Europe, with the Middle East and Northern Africa, could make itself approximately self-supporting in foodstuffs, much would have been done to remedy the present state of affairs. It would still have to sell sufficient manufactured goods in other markets to pay for the essential raw materials required by its manufacturing industries and tropical foodstuffs—luxuries.

It must be remembered in this connection that the European States control vast reservoirs of raw material in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific Islands, in which they can for a long time to come secure to themselves a market for sufficient manufactured goods to pay for raw materials produced. The key to the whole problem would seem to be Russia. Upon the speedy restoration of order in that great country it is possible that the whole future of Europe hangs. Without Russia's vast wheat lands, Europe is like an engine without a fuel supply, or with one too distant to be utilized with profit. A near and cheap supply of food must be secured. —*The Times*.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



BY ALLMAN.

